

IMMENSE INCREASE IN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

New Blinford Junior High School in West End Is Already Overcrowded.

CADET CORPS IS LAUNCHED

Circulars Giving Cost and Directions Given to Boys at High Schools for Information of Their Parents—Additional Teachers Employed.

The halcyon vacation days of the Richmond schoolboys and girls are over, and with the opening of the school year, the city yesterday, they face nine long months of alternate work and play. Glorious summer trips and long, happy hours spent away from the congested city and out of reach of books have become pleasant memories only. And, until next June, the youngsters of Richmond will find themselves over their heads in study and headed straight on the road to knowledge. But, with the splendid facilities of Richmond schools, made more and more attractive as the years go by, schooltime is no bug-bear to the youngster of to-day.

The session opened yesterday under bright auspices, promising to be the greatest in the history of the Richmond public school system. Enrollment during the first day broke all records. Just a fraction under 20,000 pupils were registered in the various city schools, and there were only 15,715 enrolled on the opening day of the session. Of these pupils, however, come from the newly annexed territory, but, taking this into consideration, the enrollment was much beyond of any previous year.

HIGH SCHOOL IS ALREADY OVERCROWDED

Of the 20,000 pupils who enrolled yesterday, 14,053 of them were white, and about 5,947 were colored. The John Marshall High School alone enrolled nearly 1,000. By to-night it is estimated that the total enrollment will reach 22,000. The night schools, which open the first of next month, will add several thousand more to this number. Before the session ends, it is thought that the total enrollment of children will have been enrolled in the public schools.

The Blinford Junior High School, which takes care of the West End children who have completed the grades up to the Sixth Grade, was much overcrowded, as was the John Marshall High School, and the South Richmond School, which completed, which will be about the middle of October. The South Richmond children of the Fifth-B Grade and under will be divided into two groups, each group attending school four hours daily. No steps to relieve the congestion of the Blinford Junior High School have been taken yet, but such steps will be taken in a few days. The surplus pupils in the John Marshall High School will be taken care of on the second and third floors of the John Marshall High School.

CIRCULARS GIVE COST OF NEW CADET CORPS

The inauguration of the military feature at the John Marshall High School was begun yesterday with the distribution of circulars giving the estimated cost of the corps, the equipment, and a detailed explanation of the feature. These circulars were taken home by the boys for the inspection of their parents, who, if they wish their sons to enlist, will attach their signatures and return them to the school authorities. With these signatures obtained, E. P. Conquest, commander of the corps, will enroll them at once.

(1) Each member must purchase the service uniform adopted by the board. This is similar to the one used by the cadets at the Virginia Military Institute, and, together with the belt, buckles, gloves and other accessories, will not exceed \$15 in cost.

(2) The uniform must be worn at all times during school hours, and will obviate the necessity of purchasing another school suit.

(3) For the present, drill will be given three times a week in study periods. Pupils taking military may be excused from the free-hand drawing and vocal music courses.

(4) A credit of two points out of the thirty-six required for a diploma will be allowed for four years' work. (5) Rifles (Krag-Jorgensen) will be furnished by the Secretary of War, according to the act of Congress relating to military instruction in schools.

To take care of the increased enrollment, many new teachers have been engaged for the session, and the new ones at the John Marshall High School are:

Misses Dorothy Moorman, Lucy Puryear, Louise Weisger, Constance Gay, Marie Auerbach, Elizabeth Kellam and Margaret Gallagher, and Messrs. Lewis Tye, Clyde Fortna, Philip Felix, Alvaro Diaz, George Lux, Charles Renick, H. L. Culp and E. P. Conquest.

SMALL BOYS ARRESTED

Charged With Breaking Into Store and Stealing Variety of Articles of Value.

Detective-Sergeants Whitshire and Bailey and Policeman Ryan yesterday arrested five small boys on the charge of breaking into the store of Mrs. R. Schell, 700 North Main Street, and stealing a large assortment of baseballs, base ball mits and gloves, candy, cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco and other articles.

The boys gave the names of Adolph Blake, aged fourteen; Meredith Jones, aged fifteen; William H. Spurr, aged ten; Marcellus Lowry, aged thirteen; James Oliver, aged ten, and Ollie Blake, aged eleven. All were sent to the Juvenile Detention Home by the detectives and were held later for their appearance in the Juvenile Court.

ON EXTENSIVE TOUR

Officers of Automobile Association to Be in Richmond To-Day—Will Stop at Jefferson.

A party of officers and members of the Capitol Tour Association will arrive here to-day from Washington on an extensive tour of Virginia. The party will have its headquarters at the Jefferson Hotel, and consists of the following: E. S. Tait, Wilmington, Del., president of the association; Charles E. Gehring, editor of the New York Herald Tribune; L. Ferguson, secretary of the American Automobile Association, and W. R. Lucas, of Winchester, secretary of the Capitol Tour Association.

The itinerary includes Fort Monroe, Norfolk, Lynchburg, Natural Bridge, Clifton Forge, White Sulphur Springs, Hot Springs, Staunton and Luray.

PER CAPITA DEBT SHRINKS \$2.87 IN NINE YEARS

City's Finances Are in Excellent Shape, Says Colonel Thomas B. McAdams.

PREPARES INTERESTING TABLE

Vice-President of Bank That Has Just Loaned City \$500,000 Impressed With Good Showing Made by Financial Statement.

The city's finances are in excellent shape. This is the dictum of no less an authority than Thomas B. McAdams, vice-president and cashier of the Merchants National Bank—the institution which has just loaned the city \$500,000 on its mere promise to pay, at an interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent, in passing upon a loan of this size, Colonel McAdams naturally took pains to inform himself of the exact status of the borrower's finances, and his findings are of the first interest.

An interesting table showing the city's assets and liabilities in 1906 and in 1915, prepared by Colonel McAdams with City Auditor Crenshaw's assistance, is here reprinted. It shows, among other things, that the per capita debt of the city has decreased from \$76.19 in 1906 to \$73.32 in 1915.

SHOWING CREDITABLE TO CITY

"In examining the report of the Auditor of the city of Richmond as of February 1, 1915," said Colonel McAdams yesterday, "and comparing it with the figures of February 1, 1906, I found that the situation of the city is apparently very creditable to the city, and one in which the public, in view of the large improvements that have been made in this period in streets and other public properties, would be interested."

"In order that there might be no mistake, I requested the City Auditor to check my figures, and I am giving the results of our investigations."

VALUE OF IMPROVEMENTS EXCEEDS INCREASED DEBT

"The net debt of the city in 1906 was 1.55 per cent of the real estate assessment at that time, whereas in 1915 this percentage had been decreased to 1.11 per cent, or a net decrease of 27 per cent, or approximately one-fifth."

"While the net debt of the city shows an actual increase of approximately \$1,500,000, the value of the city's property—exclusive in streets, sidewalks, etc.—has increased in this period \$3,500,000, from which it will be noted that the city has invested in permanent improvements during this period approximately \$3,500,000 more than the debt of the city has grown during the same period. In other words, from the increase of the net debt, the city has actually expended for permanent improvements to streets \$2,523,000, which expenditure is not included in the increased valuation of the city's property."

LARGE EXPENDITURES FOR ANNEXED TERRITORY

"So far as the fiscal year ending in 1915 is concerned, the statement shows a net increase in the city's debt of \$1,823,000. Of this amount, \$775,000 was assumed from the annexed territory, and the net debt of the city received property valued at \$500,000. During this period the city's property investments increased \$984,000, making a net increase in the city's debt, above the increase in the permanent investments of the city, of \$339,000. Of this \$339,000, \$275,000 is accounted for by the difference between the property turned over to the city by the annexed territory of \$500,000 and the amount of \$225,000 by the city of \$775,000, leaving a net amount to be accounted for of \$561,000."

"It would therefore seem that the city spent \$561,000 last year in excess of its regular income, but against this \$500,000 was spent for permanent street improvements alone, and in connection with this it must be taken into consideration that the city has not made any special assessment for street improvements against abutting property owners. It is also worthy of note that the net debt has been decreased in nine years approximately 33 per cent."

AMUSEMENTS

"Peg of My Heart" Still Charming.

Although this is the third season on the road of "Peg of My Heart," that particular one of Oliver Morosco's comedies that presented J. Hartley Manners's delicious comedy at the Academy of Music twice yesterday managed to make the little Irish-American girl who she has always been—Peg of everybody's heart. That statement is a bit too broad—it was too easy to write; the fact is that it wasn't the company, but one member of it, that made the performance charming. That one was Rea Martin, who played Peg. She was wholly and irresistibly. Indeed, it was Miss Martin's wholesomeness that made her Peg irresistible. She is, literally, an ingenue—certainly in appearance and method—and, while she may not possess the resourcefulness that marked the work of Blanche Hall, who was seen here before, her youth, good looks and magnetism more than outweigh the lack of some other qualities.

At any rate and for whatever reasons, she is a bewitching Peg. Douglas Gordon.

"Daddy Long-Legs" Is Coming.

This column isn't in the habit of making forecasts, but, from knowledge of the play, appreciation of the producer and his company, and, what is the company, it assumes that the play can speak—ventures the prophecy that Henry Miller's "Daddy Long-Legs," which comes to the Academy of Music on Friday for an engagement of three performances, will be one of the events of the theatrical season.

George Pawcett at Little Theater. That distinguished actor, George Pawcett, will be here for the last time to-day at the Little Theater in the play, "The Majesty of the Law." For the latter half of the week the Little Theater's feature will be Hazel Dawn in "The Heart of Jennifer," by the author of "Rags."

Judge Mullen to Sit. Because the Howells cases that have been set for trial in the Circuit Court of Prince George County demand his attention, Judge Jesse F. West has been relieved of serving on the bench in Sussex for the remainder of the September term of that court by Governor Stuart. The Governor has designated Judge J. M. Mullen, of the Corporation Court of Petersburg to preside in Sussex County.

New Coats and Suits are ready and on display at the new Masonic Temple store, Broad Street at Adams.

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Comparative Statement of City Assets and Debt 1906-1915

	Real Estate Assessment.	Personal Assessment.	Total.	Net Debt.	Value City Property.
February 1, 1906.	\$46,014,728	\$37,125,517	\$83,140,245	\$1,903,582	\$1,903,582
February 1, 1915.	102,271,106	87,713,180	189,984,286	11,357,313	20,180,905
Increase.	56,256,378	50,587,663	106,844,041	9,453,731	18,277,323
Property increase over debt from Feb. 1, 1906, to Feb. 1, 1915.				3,487,254	3,487,254
Expended for street improvements not included in city property.				2,022,907	
Actual property value increase over debt from Feb. 1, 1906, to Feb. 1, 1915.				6,020,321	
Debt increase for year 1914, distributed as follows:					
Assumed from annexed territory.				\$ 775,315	
Permanent improvements.				1,100,000	
Street paving improvements.				325,000	
Less water bonds paid.				82,228,315	
				405,000	
				1,223,315	
Against item of \$775,315 for annexed territory the city received property valued at \$400,000—the difference being proportion of debt of county and school districts required to be assumed by annexation decree of court.					
Amount expended in 1914 for permanent street improvements:					
From bond proceeds.				\$ 353,472	
From annual revenue.				468,078	
				821,550	
Net per capita debt February 1, 1906, \$76.19.					
Net per capita debt February 1, 1915, 73.32.					

POLLARD BITTERLY DENOUNCES FUSIONISTS

Attorney-General Replies to Attack Printed in the Tidewater Times.

DEFENDS LEGAL OPINION

Ruling on Question Involved Was Rendered Long Before Controversy Arose in Norfolk County and Could Not Be Based on Local Differences.

Attorney-General Pollard yesterday made a vigorous reply to an attack made upon him by the Tidewater Times, an official organ of the fusionists in Norfolk County, in connection with his recent opinion that the senatorial primary judges on September 25 should be named by the electoral board instead of by the county committee, as desired by the fusionists. Incidentally he reiterated his support of the straightouts and his opposition to the fusion organization's political affiliations.

Senator W. C. Corbitt, of Portsmouth, is a candidate for re-election and is backed by the straightouts, while Harry L. Alexander is the fusion candidate. Mr. Alexander has announced that he would refuse to enter the primary if the judges were named by the electoral board. The Attorney-General ruled that the primary law was specific in its requirement that the electoral board should appoint the judges.

POLLARD REPLIES TO EDITORIAL CRITICISM

In reply to the criticism of his position, Mr. Pollard said in a letter to the newspaper which printed the attack: "My attention has been called to your editorial comment upon my opinion to the effect that all direct primaries must be conducted by judges appointed by the electoral boards of the several counties, and in your issue of September 4 you remark:

"While Mr. Pollard was quoting law to appease a few bolters from the Democratic party in the county, he might have quoted the whole law instead of a part thereof with a view to himself. Mr. Pollard will find that he makes a fatal error in making 'go-goos' at the so-called straightouts."

"You are manifestly in error in thinking that my opinion was rendered for the purpose of appeasing what you term to be bolters from the Democratic party. My ruling upon the question involved was printed and distributed throughout the State last spring long before the Norfolk County controversy arose and before I could have possibly had in mind your local differences."

NO LANGUAGE STRONG ENOUGH TO DENOUNCE FUSIONISTS

"As to your statement that I am making 'go-goos' at the so-called straightouts, I must protest against straightening my attitude towards the straightouts in an editorial comment. I beg of you to give me space to make my position plain. I have never made any effort to conceal the fact that I am in sympathy with the straightouts in Norfolk County; nor have I hesitated to denounce in unmeasured terms the diabolical combination of negroes, Republicans and Democrats, admittedly headed by the Republican national committeeman, and known as the fusion party of Norfolk County. Those who know me have never questioned the fact that for many years I have stood squarely with the straightouts in denouncing the fusion movement in Norfolk County as a crime against the Democratic party, the State of Virginia, and the Anglo-Saxon race. I have often regretted that I could not find in the English language words strong enough to express my contempt for such a combination."

"Please, Mr. Editor, never again express any doubt as to where I stand on the Norfolk County situation. I consider such an expression of doubt as a reflection both on my integrity and my Democracy."

Bids for State Printing.

Prospective bidders for State printing contracts will be invited, with a view to submit proposals for the large and diversified volume of work to be given out by Public Printer Davis Bottom this year. The bids will be opened promptly at 12 o'clock. The work to be done will include paper, stationery and printing for the General Assembly, which convenes next January.

STOMACH MISERY QUICKLY VANISHES

Your money back if you want it in the way in which all the leading drug stores are selling Mi-o-na, the great dyspepsia remedy. This is an unusual plan, but Mi-o-na has so much merit and is so almost invariably successful in relieving all forms of indigestion that the dealers run but little risk in selling under a guarantee of this kind.

Do not be miserable or make your friends miserable with your dyspepsia. Mi-o-na will help you. If it doesn't, tell your druggist that you want your money back and he will cheerfully refund it.

A change for the better will be seen from the first few doses of Mi-o-na, and its continued use will soon start you on the road to perfect digestion and enjoyment of food. Mi-o-na has been so uniformly successful that every box of sold under a positive guarantee to refund the money if it does not relieve. What fairer proposition could be made?

You can get Mi-o-na on this money back guarantee from practically every druggist in this vicinity, including Tragle Drug Co.

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL SHOES

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ASSOCIATION DIGS INTO POLLOCK'S VOTING RECORD

Finds That He Voted in 1911 for Election of Administrative Board by People.

HOLDS OPPOSITE VIEW NOW

Councilman Explains That He Voted Against His Own Convictions in 1911 in Order to Insure Safety of Reform Program.

The Council Charter Change Committee will meet at 8 o'clock to-night in the Council chamber to give a further hearing to citizens and organizations having in their possession data or information which might aid the committee in solving the charter reform problem.

At its Monday night meeting the committee ordered printed the reform plan prepared by the Civic Association. The pamphlet will not come from the printer until the end of the week, and this plan will therefore not officially be before the committee. All citizens desiring to discuss this or any other plan, however, will be given a hearing.

EXAMINE VOTING RECORD OF COUNCILMAN POLLOCK

Councilman Pollock's advocacy of an Administrative Board to be elected by the Council, led representatives of the Civic Association, yesterday, to examine the minutes of the meetings held by the Charter Change Committee of 1911 that drafted the amendments which provided among other things for the creation of an Administrative Board. Mr. Pollock was chairman of this committee.

The investigators found that as a member of this committee Mr. Pollock voted on October 23, 1911, to make the Administrative Board elective by the people. They pointed out, in view of this record, that Mr. Pollock has now completely reversed his position by advocating the election of the board by the Council.

Mr. Pollock admitted last night that for reasons of harmony and expediency he cast his vote in 1911 for an elective board. He insisted, however, that throughout the sittings of the committee of 1911, he consistently advocated election by the Council, yielding only on the final vote when it was apparent that to insist on his own views would endanger the success of the charter reform program by the delivery to the Council of a divided report.

RECEPTION TO REAMS

McCarthy Council Will Honor Grand Regent of Royal Arcanum on Thursday Night.

The grand regent of the Royal Arcanum, W. Floyd Reams, will be honored at a reception by the McCarthy Council, No. 468, at Lee Camp Hall on Thursday night.

Addresses will be made by Rev. F. T. McCarthy, D. D., past supreme regent, as well as by the Rev. A. A. McCall, past grand master of the Grand Lodge, and by Messrs. Joseph Whitmore, Charles Nunnally and Shepherd Webb.

The meeting will be opened to members and their families.

Address Advertiser's Club.

J. F. Jacobs, of Clinton, S. C., will address the Richmond Advertiser's Club at its weekly luncheon, to be held in the rooms of the Business Men's Club to-morrow afternoon at 1:15 o'clock. His subject will be "The Co-Relation of Advertising With Selling."

Lime-Loss in Tuberculosis

In the Journal of the American Medical Association (January 17, 1914) was the following:

"It has been many times stated that in tuberculosis or in the tuberculous stage an increased amount of calcium (lime) is lost both in the urine and feces. In fact, a demineralization has been thought to be a forerunner of the development of tuberculosis."

If tuberculosis is due to lime loss, the success of Eckman's Alternative in its treatment may be due, in part, to its content of a lime salt so combined with other valuable ingredients as to be easily assimilated.

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ANSWERS CRITICISMS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Ainslie Writes President of Bi-County Women's Christian Temperance Union.

HE CITES OFFICIAL FIGURES

Expresses Surprise That "Responsible and Reputable" Body Should Adopt Cautious Resolutions Without Looking Into Facts.

Mayor Ainslie yesterday addressed to Mrs. W. M. Bickers, president of the Bi-County Women's Christian Temperance Union, a letter officially drawing attention to the arrests that have been made since February 7, and expressing his amazement that "any responsible and reputable" body in this city should have gone on record as the advocate of an organization that, when the easily-obtainable facts show that its criticism of the department was unfounded.

At its annual meeting recently, the organization, of which Mrs. Bickers is president, adopted a resolution condemning the laxity of law enforcement in the city of Richmond, particularly with reference to those offenses referred to by the Vice Commission.

MAYOR AINSLIE'S LETTER TO MRS. W. M. BICKERS

The Mayor wrote to Mrs. Bickers, in part, as follows:

"As I have been in daily consultation with the Chief of Police, and have received from him verbal reports in detail of the activities of the department in carrying out the orders issued by me in consequence of the reports and recommendations of the Vice Commission, and I had personal knowledge of the activities of the police, I must say to you that I was amazed that any responsible and reputable body of our people would put itself on record in this regard in the manner that your union did, when the official police and court records, which are open to everybody's inspection, are such as to show to any

reasonable person's mind the most praiseworthy and commendable vigilance and activity in carrying out those orders.

"I, therefore, requested the Chief of Police to certify to me in writing the exact records of the Police Department in this regard for the seven months since the issue of my order, which was the time to which your resolutions of censure and criticism were confined, and I am sending you an exact copy of that report wherein you will see that a total of 872 arrests have been made in that short period for violation of the law in matters reported on by the Vice Commission, 352 of them having been made for violation of the law against the social evil.

"In the face of this record, I respectfully ask from your union its answer to the question whether its members think they acted in fairness, justice and truth in adopting the resolutions referred to."

KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION

When confronted with the statement of the Chief of Police in Mayor Ainslie's office Monday, Mrs. Bickers admitted that the organization of which she is the head had no detailed knowledge of the situation when it framed and adopted its sharp criticism, and that it was inspired by reports of failure to enforce the laws printed in a morning newspaper.

The Mayor advised her in the future to trace her organization to go to Police Headquarters for information as to the enforcement or non-enforcement of laws. The records at headquarters, he told her, are open to everybody.

Youth Killed by Train.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., September 14.—Robert Young, aged eighteen years, son of Alfred Young, a farmer, residing near Crozet, was found dead at daybreak alongside the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway tracks, one mile west of Crozet. The lower part of his body was badly mangled. He had evidently been struck by the F. & V. Limited.

The New Gloves for Fall Are Here

Through a rare stroke of good fortune and our foresight in arranging the little details in advance, our beautiful stock of imported Fall Gloves is now ready for your selection. While most stores are awaiting their delayed shipments, ours were rushed in by parcel post and express.

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Kid Gloves, clasp styles, in white and colors; wide embroidered backs, self or contrasting stitching; special value Wednesday, pair 75c

"Vette" Kid Gloves, two-clasp length; very superior in fit and finish; Paris point backs; white or black; also the new novelty backs, and two-tone stitching, pair \$1.50

Special for Wednesday, a small lot \$2.50 Tan Kid Gloves for, pair \$2.00

16-button White Kid Gloves; Mosquaire style, with 3 pearl bullet buttons, at pair \$2.50

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"Vette" Washable Gloves; clasp length, at, pair only \$1.75

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